



## **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD**

7506 E. Indian School Road,  
Scottsdale, AZ.  
Wednesday, October 16, 2002  
5:30 p.m.

Chair Basinger called the regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board to order at 5:45 p.m., noting the presence of a quorum.

**Members Present:** Daniel Basinger, Chair  
Don Manthe, Vice Chair  
Michele Cohen  
Michael Mulroy  
Randy Nussbaum

**Members Absent:** Lynn Ashby  
Henry Rampelt

**Staff Present:** Larry Person  
David Mansfield  
Chuck Skidmore  
Connie Padian  
Beth Miller

**Others Present:** Ron Hand, Green Building Committee Liaison  
Davida Shiffman-Smith  
Councilman Exton  
Ms. Exton

### **ROLL CALL**

A formal roll call was taken with Board Members present as indicated above. Chair Basinger introduced new Board Member Michele Cohen and welcomed her to the Board.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice Chair Manthe, and seconded by Board Member Nussbaum, the minutes from the 8/21/02 meeting were approved unanimously

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Water Rates and Supply**

David Mansfield distributed fact sheets to the Board Members relative to water conservation and supply in Scottsdale. He explained that Arizona is one of the best-positioned states with respect to water supplies related to drought because of the placement of large reservoirs for both recreational and general water needs. He went on to outline the water conservation programs implemented by the City, pointing out the importance of desert landscaping.

Mr. Mansfield went on to review the water rate structure and fees. He discussed the three development fees: water development fee, sewer development fee, and the water resources fee. He characterized the rate structure as an inverted block, consisting of a base fee and two tiers. The base fee covers basic services, the first tier, indoor water needs and some landscaping, and the second and most expensive tier would cover water use in excess of ordinary.

Mr. Mansfield emphasized the importance of developing a water conservation ethic and pointed out Scottsdale's commitment to water conservation through such projects as the water campus. He responded the Board Member questions about the new Chaparral Water Treatment Plant, the RWDS System for supplying reclaimed water to additional golf courses, and the Indian Rights water issues.

- **Green Building Report**

Mr. Hand reported on the Green Building Expo, which was held on October 4th, and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2002. The event was sponsored jointly by the City of Scottsdale and the City of Phoenix. Mr. Hand stated that there were approximately 1000 attendees on Friday, which was geared towards

professionals and government, and 2000 on Saturday. The events on Saturday were geared towards the general public. Mr. Hand commented that reaction to the Expo was very positive.

Chair Basinger applauded the efforts of the Green Building Committee for their dedication to the success of the Expo and stated that Certificates of Appreciation would be presented to the six members of the Expo subcommittee.

- **Quarterly/Annual Environmental /EQAB Report to Council**

Chair Basinger presented a draft copy of the EQAB Report to the Board Members for review. He asked for consensus of the Board to proceed with the report for presentation to Council at their retreat. The Board Members agreed on the basic concept of the report. Discussion ensued as to the best method to present the report to Council. The Board Members also addressed the recommendation for the creation of an environmental department, and concluded that the recommendation should be made but that the language should be modified. It was also decided to rework the executive summary.

Board Member Nussbaum pointed out that Council would receive a large amount of material at their retreat and suggested a cover page with bullet points as the best way to get the message across. Mr. Diehn commented that Council Member Exton would be an ally for the Board, and would support the report.

Board Member Nussbaum moved to authorize Chair Basinger to present the document to City Council. Board Member Mulroy seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Chair Basinger stated that he would provide the Board Members with the edited version for review.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Chair Basinger announced that he had invited Mayor Manross to attend a meeting of the EQAB, and that he expected her to attend the November meeting.
- Earth Day 2003 Update

Chair Basinger advised the Board that an Earth Day celebration had been proposed, and that Ed Goff had suggested using the resources of the Scottsdale Pride Committee. He outlined various activities and noted that

he would present the idea to the Pride Committee on November 7. He requested direction from the Board. Board Member Cohen expressed support for the event. Board Member Manthe moved to approve support of an Earth Day event by the EQAB. Board Member Mulroy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS**

Chair Basinger announced that Household Hazardous Waste Day would be held at the Corp Yard on November 2, from 7:30 am until 2:00 p.m. He asked for volunteers to represent the EQAB at the event.

Chair Basinger noted that Rick Pence would review the HHWD event at the November meeting as well as the green waste-recycling program. He added that there would be a short video on the services provided by the Salt River landfill.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, being duly moved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Swanberg  
Court Reporter